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Appl. No.: 09/994,088
Request for Refund dated September 20, 2005**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Jeffrey Trudeau

Serial No.: 09/994,088

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: Method And Apparatus For Clamping
Surgical Wires Or Cables

Atty. Docket No.: 004608.(0003)

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Eduardo Robert

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Respectfully submitted,

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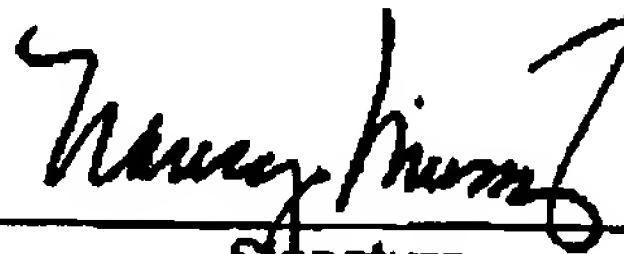
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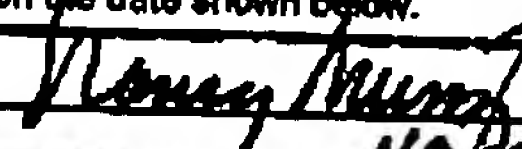
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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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Application Number 09/984,088

Filed November 14, 2001

For Method And Apparatus For Clamping Surgical Wires Or Cables

Art Unit 3732

Examiner Eduardo Robert

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.


The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$_____
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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